Memorial to His Highness the Late Maha Raja.

PRESIDENT: The next resolution stands in the name of Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Sir,—

MR. K. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Tiruvalla*): Sir, I rise to a point of order. According to the rules, no resolution can be discussed in this Council relating to any of the matters covered by Section 11 of the Legislative Council Regulation and one of them is matters affecting the Royal family. Now if we discuss the present resolution, it will affect the Royal family of Travancore and I think it will be very bad to discuss it and I do not know what will be the result. Therefore I think that it is better that the resolution is not discussed here.

PRESIDENT: I find the resolution says that

"This Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken to commemorate the long, prosperous and glorious reign of His Highness Sri Mulam Tirunal....."

It is only to commemorate the reign of His Highness and not to say anything connected with the person of His Highness. Hence I rule that the resolution is in order.

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): Sir, I beg to move the following resolution:—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken to commemorate the long, prosperous and glorious reign of His Highness Sri Mulam Tirunal, the late lamented Maha Raja of Travancore, by a befitting memorial—preferably a Chamber for the Legislative Council with a life size statue of His Highness in a conspicuous part of that Chamber.*"

Sir, I feel no doubt that I am presenting this resolution to those who are already predisposed to accept it. The various qualities of head and heart for which the late Maha Raja, His Highness Sri Mulam Tirunal, was so remarkable are too well-known to require any description and I trust I need but move this resolution for the acceptance of the House. Then, a word alone remains to be said with respect to the shape of the memorial. A Council Chamber, according to me, would be the most befitting memorial to His Highness' reign. Because one of the glorious acts of His Highness, according to my humble view of the matter, is the organisation of this Council by His Highness the late Sri Mulam Tirunal whose name so long as this Council lasts will be enshrined in the minds of the people of the State. In that connexion I would also submit, Sir, that your name as the chief minister who advised His Highness that the Council should be reorganised and placed on a wider basis than it rested on will also be cherished with considerable gratefulness by the people of Travancore. (*Hear, hear.*) I would only add another aspect of the question. Though His Highness the late Maha Raja inaugurated this Council, it was not left to His Highness to house this Council in a proper habitation. In view of that fact and since your name is closely connected with the formation of this

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[Mr. J. John Nidiry.]

Council, I beg to state that it is but fit when you continue as the Dewan of the State to commemorate His Highness' reign by an appropriate chamber of this Council. It is with this view that I move this resolution.

MR. T. K. VELU PILLAI (*Trivandrum* cum *Nedumangad*) Sir, I wish to associate myself with all that has fallen from my friend Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai. There are certain propositions which are too considerate and perhaps too axiomatic to require argument. This is one of them. The feelings of gratitude for the manifold benefits conferred upon the people by His Highness the late Maha Raja and sentiments to his sacred memory fill our hearts. The resolution, as has been observed by my friend Mr. Narayana Pillai, will be accepted not only by this House but by the whole country. Therefore in supporting the resolution, I request that the House may accept the resolution standing.

MR. G. PARAMESVARAN PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Sir, in supporting the resolution moved by Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai, I wish also to add that, in view of the very glorious reign of His Highness the late Maha Raja, Government should also consider the suggestion which I wish to place before the Council. It is this. As we observe the Empire Day in memory of Queen Victoria the Good, it is highly desirable that the Birthday of His Highness the late Maha Raja should be observed as a public holiday (*hear, hear*) so that the people may celebrate it as the Sri Mulam Day. As a matter of fact when in Kanni last we missed the celebration of His late Highness' Birthday the whole country was certainly very sad indeed. It is therefore very highly desirable that in commemoration of His Highness' reign, His Highness' Birthday should be observed as a holiday besides what has already been suggested in Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai's resolution.

PRESIDENT: That is only a suggestion. It does not form part of the resolution.

MR. N. RAMAKRISHNA PILLAI (*Vaikam* cum *Ettumanur*): During the budget session in 1098, I suggested that a Council Chamber should be constructed as a memorial to His Highness the late Maha Raja as the Sovereign author of the Legislative Council. It will not only be a fitting memorial to His Gracious Highness but also to the Minister who is responsible for the inauguration of this reformed Council. I am glad that an opportunity has come. I gladly support the resolution.

MR. N. KUMARAN (*Nominated*): I heartily associate myself with what has been said by the previous speakers with respect to this resolution. I also accept and commend for the acceptance of the Government the suggestion made by Mr. Paramesvaran Pillai with respect to the institution of a particular holiday, that is, His Highness' Birthday, as a national holiday.

MR. J. JOHN NIDIRY (*Changanachery* cum *Minachil*): In supporting the resolution brought forward by my friend Mr. Narayana Pillai, I also associate myself with what has been expressed by previous

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speakers and I would bring to the notice of the House and also the Government the very desirable suggestion brought forward by my friend Mr. Parameswaran Pillai.

PRESIDENT: That is not part of the resolution.

MR. TRIVIKRAMAR VASUDEVAR (*Jenmies*): രാജർഷിയായി ശോഭിച്ചിരുന്ന ശ്രീമൂലംതിരുനാൾ മഹാരാജാവു തിരുമനസ്സിലെ സ്മാരകമായി കൊണ്ടുവന്നിട്ടുള്ള ഈ പ്രമേയത്തെ ഞാൻ വളരെ സന്തോഷത്തോടുകൂടി അനുകൂലിക്കുന്നു.

KHAN SAHIB M. K. KHADIR PILLAI (*Nominated*): I also support the resolution. I should also like to know whether any contribution would be accepted.

PRESIDENT: I do not think Mr. P. K. Narayana Pillai has any objection. Contributions will be welcome but that is in a different place.

MR. R. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Sir, on behalf of Government, I have very great pleasure in associating myself with the remarks that have been made by the members on the other side of the House in regard to the long and glorious reign of His Highness the late lamented Maha Raja and to the necessity for perpetuating his revered memory in a visible and tangible form. I also agree that the memorial may consist of a Council Chamber and a life-size statue of His Highness. But I consider that the statute deserves a more conspicuous place in the city than a niche in the proposed Council Chamber. I would therefore suggest a slight amendment to the resolution. I would word it as follows:—

"*This Council recommends to the Government that steps be taken to commemorate the long, prosperous and glorious reign of His Highness Sri Mulam Tirunal, the late lamented Maha Raja of Travancore, by a befitting memorial preferably a Chamber for the Legislative Council and a life-size statue of His Highness.*"

MR. P. K. NARAYANA PILLAI (*Ambalapuzha*): I agree to my resolution being amended like that and I accept the same as amended.

PRESIDENT: I take it that the House accepts the resolution as amended.

The resolution, as amended, was accepted by the House, the whole House standing.

The Council adjourned at 5-12 P. M. to meet again at 11-30 A. M. the next day.

T. P. RAMASUBBA AIYAR,
Secretary to the Legislative Council.

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